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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1397

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RECENT ACTIONS AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONNEL:  
POSSIBILITY OF A FRENCH CONNECTION

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 1330

1. BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION NEWS ITEM JULY 7 REPORTING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR GODLEY ABOUT COLONEL MORGAN INDICATED ORGANIZATION REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST ACTION HAD UTILIZED BEIRUT OFFICE OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE AS INTERMEDIARY. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT JUNE 30 BOMB THREAT AGAINST THIS EMBASSY WAS CONVEYED THROUGH NOUAKCHOTT OFFICE OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE.

2. RECENT NEWS REPORTS FROM PARIS ABOUT "CARLOS AFFAIR" SUGGEST STRONGLY SOME SORT OF LATINO AND FRENCH INVOLVEMENT WITH RADICAL ARAB (AND/OR PALESTINIAN) GROUPS.

3. MINISTER OF HEALTH/DOUGHT RELIEF BA RAISED BOMB THREAT IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ON ANOTHER TOPIC JULY 9. NOTING HE HAD DISCUSSED INCIDENT WITH NOUAKCHOTT GOVERNOR, BA EXIFESSED  
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CONVICTION THAT CALLER WAS FOREIGNER, ADDING HE WAS CON-

FIDENT EVEN THOUGH NOUAKCHOTT HAD HAD ITS SHARE OF BAD TELEPHONE JOKES AND OBSCENE PHONE CALLS OVER PAST THREE TO FOUR YEARS, NO MAURITANIAN WOULD THREATEN EVEN VERBALLY NATION'S FOREMOST BENEFactor. BA IMMEDIATELY SEIZED ON AMBASSADOR'S CASUAL MENTION OF COINCIDENCE OF AFP INVOLVEMENT IN BEIRUT MESSAGE. IT WAS CLEAR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONTINUES TO BE TROUBLED BY BOMB INCIDENT.

4. PRESIDENCY CHIEF OF STAFF ALI CHERIF URGED AMBASSADOR TO CONTACT HIM IMMEDIATELY IN CASE FUTURE PROBLEM, AND REQUESTED EMBASSY PASS ANY PERTINENT INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TO HIM ASAP.

5. IF AND WHEN DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO PUT ANY OF THESE PIECES TOGETHER INTO A PATTERN, REQUEST WE BE INFORMED. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ALSO INDICATE WHAT, IF ANY, PART OF INFO OR ANALYSIS WE CAN SHARE WITH GIRM TO ECNOURAGE PREVENTIVE OR COUNTER ACTIONS BY MAURITANIANS.HANDYSIDE

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